REMARKS

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103 or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

Claim 11 has been canceled. Claims 2-10 and amended claim 1 are in this application.

Claims 1-7, 9, and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,434,146 to Movshovich et al. Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Movshovich et al. Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Movshovich et al. as applied to claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,894,320 to Vancelette.

Independent claim 1 now recites in part the following:

> "a selection circuit having a channel identification data
> extracting circuit for extracting channel identification data
> regarding a number of selected channels in said input
> packet data, a comparison circuit for comparing said
> extracted channel identification data with channel
> specifying data, and a packet data validity instruction signal
> generation circuit for outputting a packet data validity
> instruction signal indicating whether said packet data is
> valid or not based on a result of the comparing; and
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> ...
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> wherein the selection circuit is operable **to extract two
> channels of data simultaneously from among the
> plurality of channels**." (Underlining and bold added for
> emphasis.)

It is respectfully submitted that the portions of Movshovich relied upon by the Examiner (hereinafter, merely "Movshovich") do not disclose "wherein the selection circuit is operable **to extract** two channels of data **simultaneously** from among the plurality of channels", as in claim 1. (Also, see lines 3-4 of page 5 of the present Office Action.)

It is also respectfully submitted that the portions of Vanceletter relied upon by the Examiner in explaining the rejection of claim 11 (hereinafter, merely "Vanceletter") do not disclose the above-described feature. Although Vanceletter appears to enable a user to select a primary channel and a desired alternative (see, for example, blocks 630 and 660 of Fig. 6 thereof), such blocks do not appear to indicate that two channels of data are extracted **simultaneously**. Instead, it appears that the selection of blocks 630 and 660 is performed at different times.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 as presented herein is distinguishable from Movshovich and Vanceletter.

Claims 2-10 are dependent from claim 1 and, due to such dependency, are also distinguishable from Movshovich and Vanceletter for at least the reasons previously described. As previously described, claim 11 has been canceled.
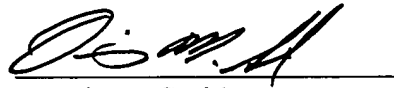
In the event that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where in the reference or references, there is the bases for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing, entry of this amendment, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-10 and the allowance of this application with claims 1-10 are respectfully requested.

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